

**TOWN OF GRAFTON**  
**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**



**SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 2021**  
**GRAFTON HIGH SCHOOL**  
**OUTSIDE AT THE RICHARD EGSEGAN**  
**MEMORIAL ATHLETIC FIELD**

## **2021 Grafton Annual Town Meeting Consent Agenda**

A consent agenda's purpose is to act expeditiously upon certain types of articles that historically have generated no controversy and can reasonably be voted upon without debate. With a consent agenda, several articles can be addressed with a single vote, thereby ensuring that a greater proportion of Town Meeting's time is dedicated to articles that are the subject of genuine debate.

When the Consent Agenda is called, the Moderator will read out the number of each article, one by one. If one or more voter's object to any particular article being included in the Consent Agenda, they may say "hold" in a loud voice when that Article's number is called. That Article will then be removed from the Consent Agenda and restored to its original place in the Warrant, to be debated and voted upon in the usual manner. After the calling of the individual Articles in the Consent Agenda, the Moderator will ask for a motion that the voters pass all remaining Consent Agenda Articles AS A UNIT, with a single vote. Use of the Consent agenda makes the Town Meeting more efficient by speeding up the handling of non-controversial items, thereby allowing more time for discussion where genuine concern exists.

***The Consent Agenda below will be taken up before Article 1 at the Annual Town Meeting on Saturday June 5, 2021.***

Please review the list of articles and motions proposed for each Consent Item which follows.

***Motion: I move that the Town vote to act upon Article 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 and that they be "passed by consent."***

## Glossary of Terms

**Appropriation:** An authorization to make expenditures and to incur obligations for specific purposes. An appropriation is granted by Town Meeting and is for a specified amount and may be limited in time as to when it may be expended. Any part of the general appropriation not spent or encumbered by June 30 automatically reverts to surplus, which may become Free Cash. A specific appropriation is carried forward from year to year until spent for the designated purpose or transferred by Town Meeting vote to another account.

**Budget:** A plan of financial operation consisting of an estimate of proposed expenditures for a given period and the means of financing them. The budget is voted on during the Spring Town Meeting for the fiscal year that begins the following July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Capital Budget:** A plan of proposed capital outlays and the means of financing them for the current year.

**Community Preservation Act (CPA):** The Town adopted the CPA in 2001. This Act allows the town to collect up to a 3% surcharge (Grafton has voted 1.5%) on property tax bills which creates the Community Preservation Fund, to use for specific Community Preservation purposes. These funds are managed by the Community Preservation Committee (CPC). The Committee has two important functions: to evaluate community needs in the areas for which CPA funding can be used, and to make recommendations to Town Meeting for the use of CPA funds.

**Debt Service:** Payment of interest and repayment of principle to holders of the Town's debt instruments.

**Free Cash:** The portion of unreserved fund balance available for appropriation. It is not cash but rather the approximate total of cash and receivables less current liabilities and earmarked reserves also reduced by reserves for uncollected taxes. This is also referred to as "available cash." The amount is certified annually by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue.

**General Fund:** The major town-owned fund which is created with town receipts and which is charged with expenditures payable from revenues.

**MS4 Permit:** A Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System, or MS4, Permit relates to a collection of structures, including retention basins, ditches, roadside inlets, and underground pipes, which gather stormwater and discharges it into local streams and rivers.

**PARC Grant:** The Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) Grant was established to assist cities and towns in acquiring and developing land for park and outdoor recreation purposes. These grants can be used by municipalities to acquire parkland, build a new park, or to renovate an existing park.

**21E Report:** M.G.L. c.21E, or the Massachusetts Oil and Hazardous Material Release Prevention Act, is a statute encompassing issues related to the identification and cleanup of property contaminated by materials that are hazardous to the environment. A 21E report or study makes an assessment on a parcel of land to determine whether it has been contaminated in anyway.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

TOWN OF GRAFTON

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – June 5, 2021  
WARRANT

Worcester, SS.

To Any of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester

**GREETINGS:**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet on/in the Grafton High School Football Field at the Grafton High School on Saturday, the 5<sup>th</sup> Day of June 2021 (rain date on Sunday, the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June 2021) at Eleven Thirty AM (11:30 AM) and act on the following articles, to wit:

**\*ARTICLE 1: (Consent Agenda)**

To hear the reports of the several Town Officers, Boards and Committees, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

**Explanation:** This is an annual article. The Town no longer “hears” reports; however, Town reports are available online at [www.grafton-ma.gov](http://www.grafton-ma.gov), or by request in the Board of Selectmen’s Office.

**Finance Committee Recommends Acceptance of the Printed Annual Reports:**

*Finance Committee understands that no reports will be given at Town Meeting.*

**\*ARTICLE 2: (Consent Agenda)**

To see if the Town will vote to appoint a Trustee of the Nelson Park and Memorial Library and Building Fund for a term of three years, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Nelson Park and Memorial Trustees

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

**Explanation:** This Article, if passed, would appoint Roger Currier to a three year term as a Trustee of the Nelson Park and Memorial Library Building Fund.

**Finance Committee Recommends Passage of Article 2:**

*Finance Committee concurs with the appointment of Roger Currier as Trustee of the Nelson Park and Memorial Library and Building Fund.*

**\*ARTICLE 3: (Consent Agenda)**

To see if the Town will vote to allow the recreation department to apply for the PARC Grant, which would reimburse a sum of money into Community Preservation Funds for the ADA parks improvement projects, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Recreation Commission

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

**Finance Committee Recommends Passage of Article 3:**

The PARC Grant will authorize funds for ADA Park improvements for the Recreation Commission. Once the Grant is received, funds authorized for the same purpose to Recreation Account from CPA funds will be returned from Recreation Account to the CPA account.

**\*ARTICLE 4: (Consent Agenda)**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for State-Aid Highway purposes, as requested by the Select Board, to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth under the provisions of the Transportation Bond Bill, so-called, and amendments thereto, for roadway construction, reconstruction and improvements, including surface treatments and other work incidental to the above, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

**Explanation:** This is an annual article which allows the Town to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer funds in anticipation of reimbursement revenues from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for road repair assistance under M.G.L. c.90.

**Finance Committee Recommends Passage of Article 4 as Written in the Amount of \$497,547.00:**

This article allows the Town to receive Chapter 90 funds as a reimbursement for projects accepted by the provisions of the Transportation Bond Bill. The spending of these funds is under the direction of the Select Board.

**\*ARTICLE 5: (Consent Agenda)**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board, pursuant to Article 4, Section 9, of the Town By-Laws, to sell surplus items under such terms and conditions as it deems to be in the best interests of the Town, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

**Explanation:** This is an annual article authorizing the Select Board to sell surplus items.

**Finance Committee Recommends Passage of Article 5:**

*This is an annual article authorizing the Select Board to sell surplus items under such terms and conditions as it deems to be in the best interest of the Town.*

**\*ARTICLE 6: (Consent Agenda)**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer/Collector, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, in accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and amendments thereto, and to issue a note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17, and amendments thereto, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

**Explanation:** This is an annual article authorizing the Town Treasurer/Collector to undertake the operational banking duties needed for the Town functions:

**Finance Committee Recommends Passage of Article 6 as Written:**

This article allows the Treasurer/Collector to conduct routine Town business.

**\*ARTICLE 7: (Consent Agenda)**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation Fund annual revenues in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for its administrative expenses, community preservation projects, and other expenses in fiscal year 2022, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

**Appropriations:**

From FY2022 estimated revenues for Community Preservation Administrative Expenses:  
\$24,000

**Reserves:**

From FY2022 estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve	\$69,824
From FY2022 estimated revenues for Affordable Housing Reserve	\$69,824
From FY2022 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve	\$69,824
From FY2022 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve	\$322,665

or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

**Explanation:** This is an annual article that allows the funds collected under the Community Preservation Act to be made available for appropriation.

**Finance Committee Recommends Passage of Article 7:**

This article is a required transfer of estimated funds from Community Preservation Committee (CPC) revenues into an Operating Budget Account and for the various Reserve Accounts. This is necessary for the CPC to conduct business in FY22.

**Appropriations:**

From FY2022 estimated revenues for Community Preservation Administrative Expenses:  
\$24,000.00

**Reserves:**

From FY2022 estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve	\$69,824.00
From FY2022 estimated revenues for Affordable Housing Reserve	\$69,824.00
From FY2022 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve	\$69,824.00
From FY2022 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve	\$322,665.00

**\*ARTICLE 8: (Consent Agenda)**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 40 of the General By-Laws to include the Recreation Department Revolving Account, with a revenue source of all fees received for Recreation Department programs and activities, to be expended at the direction of the Town Administrator for the purposes of funding Recreation Department operations for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021 and subsequent years, or take any other active relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

**Finance Committee Recommends Passing Over Article 8:**

*This article was added in error since the Recreation Department Revolving Account was added to the list of authorized revolving accounts including spending limits to the Town's list of revolving accounts in June of 2020.*

**\*ARTICLE 9: (Consent Agenda)**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the total expenditures for the following revolving funds pursuant to G.L. c. 44 Section 53E ½ for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, to be expended in accordance with the bylaws heretofore approved:

<b>Board/Department/Officer authorized to expend:</b>	<b>Revenue Source and Maximum Expenditure</b>	<b>Funds may be expended only for:</b>	<b>FISCAL YEARS</b>
Town Administrator	Rent and Utilities \$200,000	One Grafton Common maintenance	Fiscal Year 2022 and subsequent years
School Department	State and Federal Grants \$10,000	Staff Development Workshops	Fiscal Year 2022 and subsequent years
School Department	Tuition Payments \$200,000	Early Childhood Programs	Fiscal Year 2022 and subsequent years
School Department	Out of district fees  \$200,000	Out of district transportation	Fiscal Year 2022 and subsequent years
School Department	Sale of Surplus  \$200,000	Education Tablets & Laptops	Fiscal Year 2022 and subsequent years
School Department	Rental Revolving Fund \$50,000	Maintenance of school facilities	Fiscal Year 2022 and subsequent years
School Department	Extended Services Revolving Fund \$50,000	Programs outside of the school day or year	Fiscal Year 2022 and subsequent years
Council on Aging	Ridership fees \$35,000	Elder Bus Transportation	Fiscal Year 2022 and subsequent years
Conservation Commission	Filing Fees \$25,000	Expenses related to duties	Fiscal Year 2022 and subsequent years
Fire Department	Inspection Fees \$10,000	Fire Sprinkler System Review	Fiscal Year 2022 and subsequent years
Board of Health	Medicare Part 855B \$20,000	Vaccine Administration	Fiscal Year 2022 and subsequent years

Board of Health	Community Nursing Gift Account \$5,000	CPR and Sharps Containers	Fiscal Year 2022 and subsequent years
Board of Health	Tufts Biomedical Inspections \$10,000	Inspections at Tufts University	Fiscal Year 2022 and subsequent years
Board of Health	Septic Plan Review \$20,000	Central MA Regional Health Alliance Septic Plan Review	Fiscal Year 2022 and subsequent years
Board of Health	Soil Testing \$20,000	Central MA Regional Health Alliance Soil Testing	Fiscal Year 2022 and subsequent years
Board of Health	Well Review \$5,000	Central MA Regional Health Alliance Well Review	Fiscal Year 2022 and subsequent years
South Grafton Community House	Rental fees \$20,000	Maintenance and upkeep	Fiscal Year 2022 and subsequent years
Library	Lost Book fees \$5,000	Replacement of materials	Fiscal Year 2022 and subsequent years
Council on Aging	Program Fees \$35,000	Program Funding	Fiscal Year 2022 and subsequent years
Conservation Commission	Storm Water Bylaw \$10,000	Expenses for Administration	Fiscal Year 2022 and subsequent years
Library	User fees \$10,000	Replenishing materials	Fiscal Year 2022 and subsequent years
Recreation	Program and Activity Fees \$20,000	Department Operations	Fiscal Year 2022 and subsequent years

or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

***Explanation:*** This is an annual article which is required to operate our revolving funds. This allows the Town to raise revenue from a specific service and use those revenues without appropriation to support the service. M.G.L. c.44, §53E½ stipulates that each fund must be reauthorized each year at Annual Town Meeting and that a limit on the total amount that may be spent from each fund must be established at that time.

**Finance Committee Recommends Passage of Article 9 as Written:**

*This is an annual reauthorization of revolving accounts with the listing of spending limits.*

**\*ARTICLE 10: (Consent Agenda)**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to request the funding of transportation services from the WRTA, and to contract for and provide elderly bus services for the Town of

Grafton for the period of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

**Explanation:** This is an annual article authorizing the Select Board to receive transportation funding and use the funds appropriately.

**Finance Committee Recommends Passage of Article 10 as Written:**

*This article is an annual authorization necessary to request WRTA funding of transportation services.*

**\*ARTICLE 11: (Consent Agenda)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purposes of funding the Fire Department Insurance Supplement established under Article 15 of the March 16, 1987, Special Town Meeting, which is used for the purposes of paying not more than 75.00% of a firefighter's gross pay in case of injury while on duty as specified in Article 15 of the March 16, 1987, Special Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

**Finance Committee Supports Passing Over Article 11:**

*Finance Committee understands that this article will be passed over at Town Meeting since the balance in this account is sufficient at this time.*

**ARTICLE 12:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer and appropriate any sum of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Town for the ensuing fiscal year, the period from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, as outlined in Appendix A, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

**Explanation:** This annual article provides for all tax-supported Town operations and activities including the operating budgets of the schools and general government. The appropriations presented for Town Meetings are within the projected revenue forecast. Approval of this article will set salaries for appointed positions and expenditures for the FY2022 (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022) operating budget and will allow for the proper allocation of resources for the continuing operation and welfare of the Town. The operating budget may include funding which provides for additional work hours and/or salary increases for employees, including those previously negotiated and contractual.

**Finance Committee Recommends Passage of Article 12:**

*Finance Committee agrees with the FY22 Operating Budget in the amount of \$67,259,487.00 which represents a balanced budget with our anticipated revenues.*

**ARTICLE 13:**

To see if the Town will vote to borrow funds for the replacement of Engine 1 of the Grafton Fire Department as outlined in Appendix B, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator/CIPC

Required Vote: **TWO-THIRDS**

**Explanation:** The replacement of Engine 1 of the Grafton Fire Department is an item on the FY22 Capital Budget. However, as the Town is borrowing money for the purchase, a separate article is required to authorize the borrowing. This article gives the town that authorization.

**Finance Committee Recommends Passage of Article 13 in an Amount not to Exceed \$740,000.00:**

*Finance Committee supports the bonding process to purchase a replacement for Fire Engine 1.*

**ARTICLE 14:**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Million Two Hundred Eighty-One Thousand Dollars (\$1,281,000) toward a program of lease payments on capital items, purchases, improvements, and special articles as generally illustrated in Appendix B, and to meet said appropriation, transfer Seven Hundred Eighty-One Thousand Dollars (\$781,000.00) of certified free cash and appropriate Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) from the Capital Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator/CIPC

Required Vote: **TWO-THIRDS**

**Explanation:** This is an article which seeks to appropriate funds for the purpose of funding and/or completing Capital Projects and Purchases over the next fiscal year.

**Finance Committee Recommends Passage of Article 14 as Written in the Amount of \$1,281,000.00:**

*The article seeks to fund the FY22 Capital Plan as submitted by the CIPC and Town Administrator. The proposed list addresses the needs of various Town departments and does so in a financially responsible manner.*

**ARTICLE 15:**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for its net operating and capital assessment by the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District (the "District") for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2021, which is inclusive of the \$46,424.00 of Proposition 2 ½ exempted funds to be applied against debt service associated with Grafton's previously voted amount for the District's addition/renovation project, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District Committee

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

**Explanation:** This article funds Grafton's portion of the net operating and capital assessment of the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District.

**Finance Committee Recommends Passage of Article 15 as Written in the Amount of \$968,780.00:**

*This article provides the Town's share of the net operating cost of the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District for FY22 and reflects an increase in enrollment of Grafton students.*

**ARTICLE 16:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to fund the principal and interest costs for FY22 to be incurred by the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District for its capital expansion project, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Blackstone Valley Vocational  
Regional School District Committee

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

**Explanation:** In the prior years, this article funded Grafton's contribution to the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District. This year Grafton's contribution to the District has been condensed into the funds appropriated in Article 15. Because of this, Article 16 is unnecessary and can be passed over.

**Finance Committee Supports Passing Over Article 16:**

*This article is not needed since Article 15 supports Grafton's financial responsibilities to BVT for FY22.*

**ARTICLE 17:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be added to the Unemployment Compensation Account, for the purposes of paying Unemployment Compensation expenses of the Town, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

**Finance Committee Supports Passing Over Article 17:**

*Finance Committee understands that Article 17 will be passed over at Town Meeting. The Unemployment Account has already been funded in Article 12, the FY22 Operating Budget.*

**ARTICLE 18:**

To see if the Town will vote to sell a parcel of land located at 127 Old Westborough Road for its current fair market value, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Select Board

Required Vote: **TWO-THIRDS**

**Explanation:** The Town Administrator's Office was approached regarding the sale of this land by the occupants of 125 Old Westborough Road. The Select Board, in collaboration with the Town Administrator and the Town Assessor, approved the sale of this land at their February 2, 2021 meeting. Current market value is \$600.

**Finance Committee Recommends Passage of Article 18 as Written:**

*This article allows the Select Board to oversee the sale of 127 Old Westborough Road.*

**ARTICLE 19:**

To see if the Town will vote appropriate a sum of money to fund the Grafton Community Television budget as recommended by the Cable Oversight Committee in the amount of Three Hundred and Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$335,000.00) for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2021, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Grafton Cable Oversight Committee

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

**Explanation:** In May 2016, Town Meeting voted to accept Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F¾, which established a special revenue fund known as the PEG (Public, Educational, and Government) Access and Cable Related Fund, into which a small fee on all cable subscribers' bills is collected. This article appropriates the Grafton Community Television budget out of this fund, requiring no tax money.

**Finance Committee Recommends Passage of Article 19 as Written in the Amount of \$335,000.00:**

*In May 2016, Town Meeting voted to accept Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F¾, which established a special revenue fund known as the PEG (Public, Educational, and Government) Access and Cable Related Fund, into which a small fee on all cable subscribers' bills is collected. This article appropriates the Grafton Community Television budget out of this fund, requiring no tax money.*

**ARTICLE 20:**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer funds in the amount of \$79,000.00 from the Cable Project Account for the purpose of paying debt service, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Grafton Cable Commission

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

**Explanation:** The amount specified in this article represents the remaining funds in the Cable Project Account. With the project completed, the Grafton Cable Commission would like to use these funds to pay down debt from the project.

**Finance Committee Recommends Passage of Article 20 as Written in the Amount of \$79,000.00:**

*This article transfers funds from the Cable Project Account to pay its FY22 debt service responsibility.*

**ARTICLE 21:**

To see if the Town will vote to accept the following hydrant from the Grafton Water District:

- #709 Worcester Street at #86

or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

**Finance Committee Recommends Passage of Article 20 as Written:**

*This article provides acceptance of an additional hydrant listed as #709 Worcester St at #86 in this article to the Town's hydrants list from the Grafton Water District.*

**ARTICLE 22:**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$100,000.00 from the Sewer Retained Earnings Account to account entitled "Plant Upgrade/Expansion," or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Sewer Commissioners

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

**Explanation:** This Article will allow for the transfer of funds for the repair and replacement of equipment at the Sewer Department.

**Finance Committee Recommends Passage of Article 22 as Written:**

*This is a housekeeping article to transfer funds from the Sewer Retained Earnings Account to the Plant Upgrade/Expansion account for the upgrade of existing systems.*

**ARTICLE 23:**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$100,000.00 from the Sewer Retained Earnings Account entitled "Inflow & Infiltration Inspection and Repair," or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Sewer Commissioners

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

**Explanation:** This Article will allow for the transfer of funds for the repair and replacement of equipment at the Sewer Department.

**Finance Committee Recommends Passage of Article 23 as Written:**

*This is a housekeeping article to transfer funds from the Sewer Retained Earnings Account to the Inflow & Infiltration Inspection and Repair Account.*

**ARTICLE 24:**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$150,000.00 from the Sewer Retained Earnings Account to the account entitled "Major Equipment Repair/Replacement," or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Sewer Commissioners

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

**Explanation:** This Article will allow for the transfer of funds for the repair and replacement of equipment at the Sewer Department. This Article will also cover the replacement costs of a department service vehicle.

**Finance Committee Recommends Passage of Article 24 as Written:**

*This is a housekeeping article to transfer funds from the Sewer Retained Earnings account to the Major Equipment Repair/Replacement Account.*

**ARTICLE 25:**

To see if the Town will vote to accept the donation of real estate comprising a parcel of land known and numbered 59 Pleasant Street, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

**Finance Committee Recommends Passage of Article 25 as Written:**

*To allow the Select Board to accept a parcel of land at the rear of 59 Pleasant street as a donation to the Town.*

**ARTICLE 26:**

To see if the Town will vote to allow the Town Administrator and the School Committee to enter into contracts for goods and services for such a period of time as the Town Administrator or School

Committee may determine, which may be longer than three years but not more than 10 years, except as otherwise provided by law, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

**Explanation:** Under M.G.L. c.30B, §12, the Town may not enter into a contract for a good or service for a term exceeding three years, unless approved by majority vote. This article would allow the Town Administrator or School Committee to award contracts longer than three-years but not longer than 10-years.

**Finance Committee Recommends Passage of Article 26 as Written:**

*This article allows the Town Administrator and School Committee to enter into contracts for goods and services for a period of time as they may determine, which may be longer than 3 years but no longer than 10 years.*

**ARTICLE 27:**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Sixty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$66,500.00) from the Fiscal Year 2022 Community Preservation Estimated Revenue for the purpose of making the thirteenth of twenty (13<sup>th</sup> of 20) interest and principal payments on the \$1.2 million bond issued for the purchase of the Pell Farm property, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

**Finance Committee Recommends Passage of Article 27 as Written in the Amount of \$66,500.00:**

*This article authorizes the CPC to make the FY22 principal and interest payment on the \$1.2 million bond issued for the purchase of the Pell Farm Property.*

**ARTICLE 28:**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$75,600.00) from the Fiscal Year 2022 Community Preservation Estimated Revenue for the purpose of making the seventh of twenty (7<sup>th</sup> of 20) interest and principal payments on the \$1.1 million bond issued for the restoration of the Grafton Town House, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

**Finance Committee Recommends Passage of Article 28 as Written in the Amount of \$75,600.00:**

*This article authorizes the CPC to make the FY22 principal and interest payment on the \$1.1 million bond issued for the renovation of the Grafton Town House.*

**ARTICLE 29:**

To see if the Town will vote to extend the sunset provision set to expire on June 30, 2021, for the previously approved forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000.00) in Community Preservation Act Funds to create interior plans, drawings, and architectural specifications for the interior restoration of the Cisco Homestead located on the Nipmuc Reservation, with such funds as previously authorized to be expended before June 30, 2023, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

**Finance Committee Recommends Passage of Article 29 as Written:**

*This article extends the sunset provision for this project to June 30, 2023.*

**ARTICLE 30:**

To see if the Town will vote to extend the sunset provision set to expire on June 30, 2021, for the previously approved forty-one thousand five hundred dollars (\$41,500.00) for design and engineering work to determine costs for recreational upgrades (deteriorated road, parking design, ADA compliant restroom facilities, boat dock, etc.) at Grafton Lions Club Dauphinais Park, with such funds as previously authorized to be expended before June 30, 2022, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

**Finance Committee Recommends Passage of Article 30 as Written:**

*This article extends the sunset provision for this project to June 30, 2022.*

**ARTICLE 31:**

To see if the Town will vote to extend the sunset provision set to expire on June 30, 2021, for the previously approved ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to restore the 1848 Howard and Davis Scale and Cabinet and then to be displayed in an agreed upon public location, with such funds as previously authorized to be expended before June 30, 2022, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

**Finance Committee Recommends Passage of Article 31 as Written:**

*This article extends the sunset provision for this project to June 30, 2022.*

**ARTICLE 32:**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-Five Dollars (\$175,835.00) from the Community Preservation Act FY2022 Budgeted Reserve for the addition of outdoor bathrooms for public use, including a septic system, at Grafton Lions Club Dauphinais Park, with such funds to be expended by June 30, 2023 unless the CPC by majority vote extends that deadline, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

**Finance Committee Recommends Passage of Article 32 as Written in the Amount of \$175,835.00:**

*This article provides CPA funds for the addition of outdoor bathrooms for public use and a septic system at the Grafton Lions Club Dauphinais Park.*

**ARTICLE 33:**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of seventeen thousand Dollars (\$17,000.00) from the Community Preservation Act Undesignated Fund for scientific field investigation of aquatic alien invasive weed infestation and contaminants of Flint and Hovey Ponds, and the portion of the Quinsigamond River connecting them, with such funds to be expended by June 30, 2023 unless the CPC by majority vote extends the deadline, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

**Finance Committee Recommends Passage of Article 33 as Written in the Amount of \$17,000.00:**

*This article provides CPA funds to investigate aquatic alien invasive weed infestation and contaminants of Flint and Hovey Ponds and a portion of the Quinsigamond River.*

**ARTICLE 34:**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Thirty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$32,500.00) from the Community Preservation Act Undesignated Fund for the engineering site work and landscape design to establish a community park at the location of Whitney Park, with such funds to be expended by June 30, 2023, unless the CPC by majority vote extends the deadline, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

**Explanation:** This article was initially submitted by the CPC. After some discussion, it was withdrawn, with the Committee planning to direct their resources to accomplish additional work on other projects.

**Finance Committee Supports Passing Over Article 34:**

*Finance Committee understands that this article will be passed over at Town Meeting.*

**ARTICLE 35:**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Grafton Stormwater Management Bylaw to comply with the requirements of its MS4 permit, by repealing the following sections and replacing them with the new wording as provided below, and further that the Town authorize non-substantive changes to the lettering and numbering of the Town of Grafton Stormwater Management Bylaw to be consistent with said Bylaw.

***Repeal Section 1: Purpose, and replace it with the following:***

**SECTION 1. PURPOSE:** The Town of Grafton requires the use of Low Impact Development (LID) stormwater management practices to the maximum extent practicable and better site design to minimize stormwater related impacts within the Town. The LID practices promoted in the Massachusetts Stormwater Management Regulations should be considered for use on development and redevelopment projects in the Town.

***Repeal Section 2. Purpose, and replace it with the following:***

**SECTION 2. APPLICABILITY:** Excavating, grading, or other land-disturbing activity which disturbs an area of 40,000 or more square feet or a volume of earth resulting in a total quantity equal to or greater than 1,000 cubic yards, as well as projects below these

thresholds that are part of a larger common plan of development that would meet or exceed these thresholds.

***Add the following sub-sections to Section 3. Exceptions, and re-letter existing sub-sections as necessary.***

- F. Repair or replacement of an existing roof of a single-family dwelling.
- G. Construction of any fence that will not alter existing terrain or drainage patterns
- H. Construction of utilities other than drainage (gas, water, sewer, electric, telephone, etc.) that will not alter terrain, ground cover, or drainage patterns.
- I. Emergency repairs to stormwater management facilities or practices that pose a threat to the public health or safety or as deemed necessary by the stormwater permitting authority.
- L. Any work or projects for which all necessary approvals and permits have been issued before the effective date of the Regulations associated with this Bylaw.

***Add the following sub-section to Section 5. Administration – Permits, Determination & Conditions, and re-letter existing sub-sections as necessary.***

D. Recording. No work proposed in any application shall be undertaken until the permit issued by the Commission with respect to such work has been recorded at the Registry of Deeds or the registry section of the Land Court for the district wherein the land lies if the subject land is registered land and the holder of the permit provides proof of recording to the Commission in the form of a hard copy or electronic copy of any pages containing bar code labels from the Registry.

***Repeal Section 9. Certificate of Completion, and replace it with the following:***

**SECTION 9. CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE:** Upon the completion of the activities allowed under a Stormwater Management Permit, the applicant shall notify the Commission and request a final inspection and Certificate of Compliance. The applicant shall submit an as-built plan prepared by a professional land surveyor or registered professional engineer along with certification from a registered professional engineer that all construction has been done in accordance with the approved stormwater management plan. The issued Certificate of Compliance shall be recorded per the same instructions found in Section 5.D above.

***Repeal “Land-Disturbing or Land Disturbance” and “Redevelopment” in Section 11. Definitions, in their entirety, and replace them with the following:***

“Land-Disturbing Activity or Land Disturbance” — Any activity-that causes a change in the position or location of soil, sand, rock, gravel, or similar earth material; results in an increased amount of runoff or pollutants; measurably changes the ability of a ground surface to absorb waters; involves clearing, grubbing, and grading; or results in an alteration of drainage characteristics.

“Redevelopment” — Development, rehabilitation, expansion, demolition, construction, land alteration, or phased projects that disturb the ground surface, including impervious surfaces, on previously developed sites. The creation of new areas of impervious surface or new areas of land disturbance on wooded, pastured, or other non-developed portions of a site constitutes development, not redevelopment, even where such activities are part of a common plan which also involves redevelopment.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Conservation Commission

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

**Explanation:** Updating this By-Law is necessary to keep the town in compliance with the requirements of the MS4 Permit. The Conservation Commission held a public hearing on these revisions and voted to adopt them pending a vote from Town Meeting and the approval of the Attorney General.

**Finance Committee Recommends Passage of Article 35 as Written:**

*This article provides the Town of Grafton's Stormwater Management Bylaw with consistency and compliance with the requirements of its MS4 permit.*

**ARTICLE 36:**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care of land at 46 Adams Road from the Select Board to the Conservation Commission, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Conservation Commission

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

**Explanation:** This parcel of land is currently owned by the Town. If passed, this article would transfer the land to the care of the Conservation Commission. Many residents utilize 46 Adams Road for parking and access to a rear parcel of land currently maintained by the Commission.

**Finance Committee Recommends Passage of Article 36:**

*This article transfers the responsibility for the care of the land from the Select Board to become the responsibility of the Conservation Commission.*

**ARTICLE 37:**

To see if the Town will vote to accept the donation of real property known and numbered 4 Millennium Drive, currently owned by the Worcester Business Development Council, and to designate it as open space under the care of the Conservation Commission, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Conservation Commission

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

**Explanation:** The parcel of land at 4 Millennium Drive is currently owned by the WBDC but is undevelopable due to extensive wetlands. The Conservation Commission and Town Counsel have been researching the property, and a previous 21E report regarding potential contamination. If the investigation turns out favorable, and this article is passed, the land would be accepted and placed in the care of the Conservation Commission.

**Finance Committee Recommends Passage of Article 37:**

*This article allows the Town to accept a donation of property to be designated as open space under the care of the Conservation Commission.*

**ARTICLE 38:**

To see if the town will vote to accept M.G.L. c.59, §5, cl. 56, which provides for a real estate exemption for taxpayers who are members of the national guard of military reservists serving on active duty outside the United States, and to provide that the fiscal exemption shall be 100% of the real estate tax, prorated for days served during the Fiscal year for which the application is being made, to be effective for two Fiscal Years beginning on July 1, 2021, or take any other action relative thereto

Submitted by: Assessors Office

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

**Finance Committee Recommends Passage of Article 38 as Written:**

*This article establishes acceptance of Massachusetts General Law to provide a real estate exemption for Grafton taxpayers who are National Guard Military Reservists serving outside the United States.*

**ARTICLE 39:**

To see if the town will vote to accept M.G.L. c.56 §5C½, providing for an additional real estate exemption for taxpayers who are granted personal exemptions on their domiciles under M.G.L. c.59 §5, including certain blind persons, veterans, surviving spouses and seniors, and to provide that the additional exemption shall be up to 100% of the personal exemption, to be effective for exemptions granted for the Fiscal Year beginning on July 1, 2021, or take any other action relative thereto

Submitted by: Assessors Office

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

**Finance Committee Recommends Passage of Article 39 as Written:**

*This article establishes acceptance of Massachusetts General Law to provide additional real estate exemption for Grafton taxpayers who are currently granted personal exemptions on their domiciles under MGL.*

**ARTICLE 40:**

To see if the town will vote to repeal Article 39, §2 of the Town of Grafton General By-Laws and replace it with the following:

The number of Recreational Marijuana Retailers (RMR's) that shall be permitted in Grafton is limited to 50% of the number of licenses issued within the Town under Section 15 of chapter 138 for the retail sale of alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises where sold.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Select Board/

Economic Development Commission

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

**Explanation:** This article, if passed, would allow for the issuance of a third RMR license in the Town of Grafton. The Select Board and the EDC recommend this article together, as it would increase the revenue generated for the town from these businesses. According to the Cannabis Control Commission, each retail cannabis store pays approximately \$295,000 annually to the host community.

**Finance Committee Recommends Passage of Article 40 as Written:**

*This article seeks to repeal a portion of the Article 39 of the Grafton General By-Laws and replace it to adjust the number of Recreational Marijuana Retailers permitted in Grafton relative to 50% of the number of licenses issued for retail sale of alcoholic beverages, currently that could result in 3 establishments. It is keeping with the strategic direction of the Town to encourage commercial growth to allow more businesses in Town.*

**ARTICLE 41:**

To see if the Town will vote to allow the Select Board to dispose of the real property at 17 & 27 Upton Street, known as the DPW Garage & Wood Barn, pursuant to M.G.L. c.30B, under such terms and conditions as it deems to be in the best interests of the Town, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Planning Department

Required Vote: **TWO-THIRDS**

**Explanation:** This article would allow for the sale of town owned property located at 17 Upton and 27 Upton. Previously this land was used as the DPW Garage and Wood Barn. This article would correct a clerical error in a prior Town Meeting Warrant, which only authorized the sale of 27 Upton. If passed it will allow the Select Board to sell or dispose of the land in a manner that is deemed to be in the best interests of the Town.

**Finance Committee Recommends Passage of Article 41:**

*This article allows the Select Board to oversee the sale of the former DPW Garage property at 27 Upton Street and the Storage Barn at 17 Upton Street. This article corrects a clerical error in a prior Town Meeting Warrant, which only authorized the sale of 27 Upton Street.*

**ARTICLE 42:**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 20 4-19, Personal Bylaw, of the General Bylaws of the Town of Grafton, by deleting Columbus Day and replacing it with Indigenous Peoples Day; by deleting the day after Thanksgiving and replacing it with Native American Heritage Day; and by adding "Juneteenth" between "Memorial Day" and "Independence Day", or take any other action in relation thereto.

Submitted by: Citizens Petition

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

**Finance Committee Supports Passing Over Article 42:**

*Finance Committee understands that this article will be passed over at Town Meeting.*

**ARTICLE 43:**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 20 4-19 Personal Bylaw, of the General Bylaws of the Town of Grafton, by deleting Columbus Day and replacing it with Indigenous Peoples' Day, or act on anything relating thereto.

Submitted by: Citizens Petition

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

**Finance Committee Recommends Passage of Article 43:**

*This article amends the Personnel By-Law by deleting Columbus Day and replacing it with Indigenous Peoples' Day.*

**ARTICLE 44:**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 20 4-19 Personal Bylaw, of the the General Bylaws of the Town of Grafton by adding the holiday Juneteenth between Memorial Day and Independence Day, to align with the Massachusetts state holiday, or act on anything relating thereto.

Submitted by: Citizens Petition

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

**Finance Committee Recommends Passage of Article 44:**

*This article aligns with the Massachusetts State Holiday.*

**ARTICLE 45:**

To see if the town will vote to convey 25 Worcester St., Grafton, Massachusetts to the Town of Grafton Select Board for nominal consideration for the purpose of open space, or act on anything relating thereto.

Submitted by: Citizens Petition

Required Vote: **MAJORITY**

**Finance Committee Supports Passing Over Article 45:**

*Finance Committee understands that Article 45 will be passed over at Town Meeting.*

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof in some conspicuous place in each of the precincts of the Town at least fourteen days before said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this \_\_\_\_\_ day of May in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-One.

SELECT BOARD

TOWN OF GRAFTON

\_\_\_\_\_  
Peter Carlson, Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Doreen DeFazio, Vice Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Colleen Roy, Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mathew Often

\_\_\_\_\_  
Edward Prisby

A TRUE COPY,  
ATTEST:

May \_\_\_\_, 2021

I have complied with the requirements of the above Warrant and with the Town of Grafton By-Laws by posting an attest copy of the Warrant in some conspicuous place in each of the precincts of the town on the above date.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Constable of Grafton

**Appendix A:**

	<b>FY 2021 BUDGET</b>	<b>FY2022 BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ CHANGE FY21 to FY22</b>	<b>% OF TOTAL BUDGET</b>
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	2,797,128	2,737,683	(59,445)	4.1%
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	3,580,108	3,670,255	90,147	5.5%
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>	2,823,447	3,268,591	445,144	4.9%
<b>SEWER</b>	1,097,399	1,161,794	64,395	1.7%
<b>HEALTH &amp; HUMAN SERVICES</b>	588,698	576,601	(12,097)	0.9%
<b>CULTURE AND RECREATION</b>	1,217,041	1,263,059	46,018	1.9%
<b>EDUCATION</b>	38,307,473	39,707,473	1,400,000	59.0%
<b>UNCLASSIFIED</b>	8,162,571	8,924,857	762,286	13.3%
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>	6,328,154	5,949,175	(378,979)	8.8%
<b>TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET</b>	<b>64,902,019</b>	<b>67,259,487</b>	<b>2,357,468</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**APPENDIX A DETAIL:**

	#	Account Name	FY 2021 BUDGET	FY2022 BUDGET	\$ CHANGE
		<b><u>Town Moderator</u></b>			
1	114	Personnel	\$150	\$150	\$0
2		Expenses	\$150	\$100	(\$50)
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$300</b>	<b>\$250</b>	<b>(\$50)</b>
		<b><u>Board of Selectmen</u></b>			
3	122	Personnel	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0
4		Expenses	\$10,600	\$12,500	\$1,900
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$40,600</b>	<b>\$42,500</b>	<b>\$1,900</b>
		<b><u>Town Administrator</u></b>			
5	123	Personnel	\$480,570	\$290,251	(\$190,319)
6		Expenses	\$80,000	\$65,000	(\$15,000)
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$560,570</b>	<b>\$355,251</b>	<b>(\$205,319)</b>
		<b><u>Finance Committee</u></b>			
7	131	Personnel	\$11,518	\$11,518	\$0
8		Expenses	\$4,525	\$4,010	(\$515)
9		Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,043</b>	<b>\$15,528</b>	<b>(\$515)</b>
		<b><u>Reserve Fund</u></b>			
10	132	Expenses	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$0
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
		<b><u>Town Accountant</u></b>			
11	135	Personnel	\$135,675	\$213,353	\$77,678
12		Expenses	\$63,257	\$20,500	(\$42,757)
13		Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$198,932</b>	<b>\$233,853</b>	<b>\$34,921</b>
		<b><u>Board of Assessors</u></b>			
14	141	Personnel	\$167,978	\$166,704	(\$1,274)
15		Expenses	\$42,815	\$49,822	\$7,007
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$210,793</b>	<b>\$216,526</b>	<b>\$5,733</b>
		<b><u>Collector/Treasurer</u></b>			
16	145	Personnel	\$219,986	\$225,165	\$5,179
17		Expenses	\$93,890	\$68,985	(\$24,905)
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$313,876</b>	<b>\$294,150</b>	<b>(\$19,726)</b>
		<b><u>Legal</u></b>			
18	151	Expenses	\$108,000	\$130,000	\$22,000
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$108,000</b>	<b>\$130,000</b>	<b>\$22,000</b>
	153	<b><u>Human Resources</u></b>			

19		Personnel	\$56,500	\$57,589	\$1,089
20		Expenses	\$37,850	\$39,000	\$1,150
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$94,350</b>	<b>\$96,589</b>	<b>\$2,239</b>
		<b><u>MIS/GIS</u></b>			
21	155	Expenses	\$144,320	\$160,000	\$15,680
22		Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$144,320</b>	<b>\$160,000</b>	<b>\$15,680</b>
		<b><u>Copiers</u></b>			
23	156	Expenses	\$28,300	\$30,600	\$2,300
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$28,300</b>	<b>\$30,600</b>	<b>\$2,300</b>
		<b><u>Town Clerk</u></b>			
24		Salary Town Clerk	\$71,000	\$72,423	\$1,423
25	161	Personnel	\$102,195	\$100,382	(\$1,813)
26		Expenses	\$11,875	\$11,968	\$93
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$185,070</b>	<b>\$184,773</b>	<b>(\$297)</b>
		<b><u>Election &amp; Registration</u></b>			
27	162	Personnel	\$40,925	\$19,340	(\$21,585)
28		Expenses	\$32,580	\$16,480	(\$16,100)
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$73,505</b>	<b>\$35,820</b>	<b>(\$37,685)</b>
		<b><u>CATV Oversight Committee</u></b>			
29	166	Expenses	\$2,833	\$3,000	\$167
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,833</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>\$167</b>
		<b><u>Conservation Committee</u></b>			
30	171	Personnel	\$58,076	\$109,204	\$51,128
31		Expenses	\$5,455	\$5,290	(\$165)
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$63,531</b>	<b>\$114,494</b>	<b>\$50,963</b>
		<b><u>Planning Board</u></b>			
32	175	Personnel	\$147,565	\$151,623	\$4,058
33		Expenses	\$9,900	\$9,895	(\$5)
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$157,465</b>	<b>\$161,518</b>	<b>\$4,053</b>
		<b><u>Appeals Board</u></b>			
34	176	Personnel	\$24,863	\$26,622	\$1,759
35		Expenses	\$4,000	\$4,350	\$350
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$28,863</b>	<b>\$30,972</b>	<b>\$2,109</b>
		<b><u>Economic Development</u></b>			
36	182	Personnel	\$30,593	\$31,209	\$616
37		Expenses	\$12,300	\$15,500	\$3,200
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$42,893</b>	<b>\$46,709</b>	<b>\$3,816</b>
		<b><u>Farnumville Fire House</u></b>			
38	191	Expenses	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>

		<b>South Grafton Community House</b>			
39	192	Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0
40		Expenses	\$15,550	\$17,200	\$1,650
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,550</b>	<b>\$17,200</b>	<b>\$1,650</b>
		<b>Municipal Center</b>			
41	193	Personnel	\$138,934	\$190,200	\$51,266
42		Expenses	\$195,900	\$201,250	\$5,350
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$334,834</b>	<b>\$391,450</b>	<b>\$56,616</b>
		<b>Unclassified Personnel</b>			
43	195	Retirement & Pensions	\$2,074,425	\$2,348,007	\$273,582
44		Medicare / FICA	\$475,000	\$525,000	\$50,000
45		Group Life Insurance	\$7,000	\$7,250	\$250
46		Group Health Insurance	\$4,818,524	\$5,050,000	\$231,476
47		Unemployment Compensation	\$0	\$75,000	\$75,000
48		Compensation Reserve	\$0	\$90,000	\$90,000
		<b>Total Personnel Services</b>	<b>\$7,374,949</b>	<b>\$8,095,257</b>	<b>\$720,308</b>
			<b>Unclassified Expenses</b>		
49	195	Auditing Services	\$28,000	\$37,500	\$9,500
50		Town Report	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
51		GWD Hydrant Rental	\$67,000	\$69,600	\$2,600
52		SGWD Hydrant Rental	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$0
53		Memorial Day Expenses	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0
54		Historic District Commission	\$400	\$400	\$0
55		Historical Commission	\$500	\$500	\$0
56		Town Insurance / Workers Comp	\$644,415	\$685,000	\$40,585
57		Employee Assistance Program	\$600	\$600	\$0
58		Medicaid Claim Processing	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$0
59		Court Judgements	\$10,707	\$0	(\$10,707)
		<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$787,622</b>	<b>\$829,600</b>	<b>\$41,978</b>
	<b>Total Unclassified</b>	<b>\$8,162,571</b>	<b>\$8,924,857</b>	<b>\$762,286</b>	
		<b>Fuel</b>			
60	196	Expenses	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
		<b>Police Department</b>			
61	210	Personnel	\$2,161,870	\$2,297,304	\$135,434
62		Expenses	\$179,300	\$193,800	\$14,500
63		Equipment	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$0
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,353,170</b>	<b>\$2,503,104</b>	<b>\$149,934</b>
		<b>Fire Department</b>			
64	220	Personnel	\$669,444	\$580,768	(\$88,676)
65		Expenses	\$187,821	\$200,393	\$12,572

66		Equipment	\$102,000	\$100,000	(\$2,000)
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$959,265</b>	<b>\$881,161</b>	<b>(\$78,104)</b>
		<b><u>Building Inspector</u></b>			
67	241	Personnel	\$178,115	\$189,680	\$11,565
68		Expenses	\$3,950	\$3,950	\$0
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$182,065</b>	<b>\$193,630</b>	<b>\$11,565</b>
		<b><u>Gas Inspector</u></b>			
69	242	Personnel	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$0
70		Expenses	\$1,815	\$1,800	(\$15)
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,815</b>	<b>\$13,800</b>	<b>(\$15)</b>
		<b><u>Plumbing Inspector</u></b>			
71	243	Personnel	\$12,900	\$12,900	\$0
72		Expenses	\$800	\$800	\$0
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,700</b>	<b>\$13,700</b>	<b>\$0</b>
		<b><u>Sealer of Weights &amp; Measures</u></b>			
73	244	Personnel	\$8,100	\$8,375	\$275
74		Expenses	\$1,478	\$650	(\$828)
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,578</b>	<b>\$9,025</b>	<b>(\$553)</b>
		<b><u>Wiring Inspector</u></b>			
75	245	Personnel	\$13,735	\$13,735	\$0
76		Expenses	\$1,800	\$2,000	\$200
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,535</b>	<b>\$15,735</b>	<b>\$200</b>
		<b><u>Emergency Management</u></b>			
77	291	Personnel	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$0
78		Expenses	\$6,750	\$6,750	\$0
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,150</b>	<b>\$8,150</b>	<b>\$0</b>
		<b><u>Animal Control</u></b>			
79	292	Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0
80		Expenses	\$21,930	\$29,050	\$7,120
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21,930</b>	<b>\$29,050</b>	<b>\$7,120</b>
		<b><u>Animal Inspector</u></b>			
81	296	Personnel	\$2,900	\$2,900	\$0
82		Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,900</b>	<b>\$2,900</b>	<b>\$0</b>
		<b><u>School Department</u></b>			
83	300	Expenses	\$38,307,473	\$39,707,473	\$1,400,000
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$38,307,473</b>	<b>\$39,707,473</b>	<b>\$1,400,000</b>
		<b><u>Engineering Department</u></b>			
84	410	Personnel	\$80,803	\$82,416	\$1,613
85		Expenses	\$102,900	\$113,300	\$10,400
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$183,703</b>	<b>\$195,716</b>	<b>\$12,013</b>

		<b>Highway Department</b>			
86	420	Personnel	\$780,744	\$802,597	\$21,853
87		Expenses	\$410,000	\$505,750	\$95,750
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,190,744</b>	<b>\$1,308,347</b>	<b>\$117,603</b>
		<b>Sanitation</b>			
88	421	Personnel	\$11,000	\$10,000	(\$1,000)
89		Expenses	\$971,878	\$1,218,222	\$246,344
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$982,878</b>	<b>\$1,228,222</b>	<b>\$245,344</b>
		<b>Snow &amp; Ice Control</b>			
90	423	Personnel	\$38,000	\$38,000	\$0
91		Expenses	\$112,000	\$162,000	\$50,000
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>
		<b>Street Lighting</b>			
92	424	Expenses	\$47,000	\$42,000	(\$5,000)
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$47,000</b>	<b>\$42,000</b>	<b>(\$5,000)</b>
		<b>Sewer Department (Funded from Sewer Use Receipts Reserved Account)</b>			
93	440	Personnel	\$467,999	\$466,706	(\$1,293)
94		Expenses	\$629,400	\$695,088	\$65,688
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,097,399</b>	<b>\$1,161,794</b>	<b>\$64,395</b>
		<b>Cemetery and Parks</b>			
95	491	Personnel	\$194,572	\$219,056	\$24,484
96		Expenses	\$74,550	\$75,250	\$700
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$269,122</b>	<b>\$294,306</b>	<b>\$25,184</b>
		<b>Health Department</b>			
97	510	Personnel	\$55,192	\$55,685	\$493
98		Expenses	\$107,631	\$109,400	\$1,769
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$162,823</b>	<b>\$165,085</b>	<b>\$2,262</b>
		<b>Council On Aging</b>			
99	541	Personnel	\$211,588	\$215,014	\$3,426
100		Expenses	\$19,150	\$19,050	(\$100)
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$230,738</b>	<b>\$234,064</b>	<b>\$3,326</b>
		<b>Together We Can</b>			
101	542	Expenses	\$3,300	\$0	(\$3,300)
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,300</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$3,300)</b>
		<b>Veterans Services</b>			
102	543	Personnel	\$96,837	\$100,652	\$3,815
103		Expenses	\$95,000	\$76,800	(\$18,200)
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$191,837</b>	<b>\$177,452</b>	<b>(\$14,385)</b>
		<b>Library</b>			
104	610	Personnel	\$667,196	\$713,308	\$46,112
105		Expenses	\$227,300	\$214,900	(\$12,400)

106		Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$894,496</b>	<b>\$928,208</b>	<b>\$33,712</b>
		<b><u>Recreation Commission</u></b>			
107	630	Personnel	\$179,900	\$261,906	\$82,006
108		Expenses	\$112,795	\$39,445	(\$73,350)
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$292,695</b>	<b>\$301,351</b>	<b>\$8,656</b>
		<b><u>Nelson Library &amp; Park</u></b>			
109	650	Personnel	\$17,000	\$17,000	\$0
110		Expenses	\$12,850	\$14,000	\$1,150
111		Equipment	\$0	\$2,500	\$2,500
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$29,850</b>	<b>\$33,500</b>	<b>\$3,650</b>
		<b><u>Retirement of Debt</u></b>			
112	710	Expenses	\$4,173,964	\$4,022,303	(\$151,661)
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,173,964</b>	<b>\$4,022,303</b>	<b>(\$151,661)</b>
		<b><u>Debt Interest</u></b>			
113	750	Expenses	\$2,154,190	\$1,926,871	(\$227,319)
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,154,190</b>	<b>\$1,926,871</b>	<b>(\$227,319)</b>
		<b><u>Non-Appropriated Expenses-BVT</u></b>			
114		Expenses	\$862,497	\$968,780	\$106,283
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$862,497</b>	<b>\$968,780</b>	<b>\$106,283</b>
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$65,764,516</b>	<b>\$68,228,267</b>	<b>\$2,463,751</b>

**Appendix B:** This is the omnibus capital program for the General Fund for FY '22.

<b>Department</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Mun. Center	Dell Server Lease	\$ 10,800.00	1
Fire	Fire Pumper Tanker Lease	\$ 99,577.00	2
Fire	Engine 3 Lease	\$ 103,280.00	3
School MSES	Handicap Parking	\$ 52,000.00	
Police	New Cruisers	\$ 92,000.00	
Police	South Grafton Receiver	\$ 35,000.00	
Fire	Replace Engine 1	\$ 140,000.00	4
DPW	Replace Truck 44	\$ 234,472.00	
DPW	Replace Truck 42	\$ 61,000.00	
School SGES	Fridge Replacement	\$ 65,000.00	
School District	Plumbing/HVAC Repairs	\$ 50,000.00	
Planning	Master Plan Update	\$ 30,000.00	
DPW	Restore Loader 38	\$ 22,000.00	
DPW	Replace Zero Turn Mower	\$ 12,000.00	
School MSES	Tile floor replacement (7 rooms)	\$ 48,000.00	
School District	Replace 2003 32hp Diesel Lawn Tractor	\$ 18,000.00	
School GSES	Repave Playground	\$ 152,000.00	
Conservation	Demolition of 46 Adams Road	\$ 55,500.00	

- Notes:
- 1.) Last Year is FY '22
  - 2.) Last Year is FY '24
  - 3.) Last Year is FY '25
  - 4.) Projected at 5% for 6 years.